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Various Items Garnered From This and Other Fields—What Our People Are Doing.

TO HERALD SUBSCRIBERS.

Please notice the date after your names. It shows the time to which you have paid; and if it indicates that you are in arrears, you should remit promptly without further suggestion.

After this week, all who are as much as six months behind, will cease getting the paper.

If there are any errors in the dates, they will be promptly corrected on being reported to this office.

Services in the Baptist church Sunday morning and night as usual.

An Arcadia estimate puts the orange crop of this county at 250,000 boxes.

Mrs. Thos. K. Dabong died January 2 at her home in Owens.

The very finest Florida syrup at Jas. A. Newsome's. 52H

For exquisite Japanese novelties, consult the new advertisement of the China store.

The famous Diamond Paints at Jas. A. Newsome's. 52H

The schooner Lily White sailed Saturday for Key West with 80 head of cattle shipped by Mr. W. H. Towles.

Rooms for rent—three good ones. Apply to N. N. Wakefield. 8-4

Mr. Townsend Clarke, the capable manager of Hotel Tarpon, Grove City was a visitor to Punta Gorda Tuesday.

Big lot of seed Irish potatoes just arrived at Jas. A. Newsome's. 52H

The annual convocation of the Episcopal church for this diocese will take place in St. Andrew's church, Tampa, January 29 and 30.

Contractors and all others can get low prices on paints, oils and varnishes at Jas. A. Newsome's. 52H

If you are in a hurry for a warm meal of good food well prepared, go to Chadwick's Leading Restaurant next door to Rasch's barber shop. Read his advertisement in this paper.

Wood! Wood!—Big supply thoroughly seasoned stove wood, at N. N. Wakefield's. 8-4

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Miss Sattle Parker, a charming young lady and accomplished musician of Fort Myers, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. John Bronzell, on Cross street. She is a niece of Judge Hardee.

Call on N. N. Wakefield for your hay and grain. 8-4

The many friends of Mrs. Elam B. Carlton will be deeply grieved to know that she is dying at her home in Arcadia. Cancer is eating her life away.

Collector Southerland says positively that the tax books will close April 1st. And the Champion says the tax rate this year is about doubled. The powers that be should make a strenuous effort to economize and reduce the rate.

Mrs. T. J. D. Lamar, Mr. and Mrs. Will Lamar and Misses Maggie Stetson and Helen Keyser returned Tuesday from a four days pleasant excursion on the sailing yacht Ethel Q to Boca Grande, Useppa and Punta Rassa. They made the run home from the last place in five hours; the wings of that alleged northwest storm helped them along.

The extension of Col. J. C. Pepper's residence, being an addition of three rooms, was finished this week, and now the Colonel has enlarged facilities for dispensing that genial hospitality for which he is noted. The improvement adds to the attractiveness as well as size of the residence.

County Commissioner, Hon. Geo. W. McLane, put his road machine and hands to work on Taylor street last week, and now that street is beautifully graded from the oyster dock to the railroad, a distance of about half a mile or more. And it is being paved with shell. Everybody is pleased with the improvement.

Wild ducks in the bay display considerable intelligence. It is against the municipal law to shoot them in front of the city and they seem to know it, for they pay little or no attention to people coming and going on the docks, along the beach and in boats within a stone's throw of them; but beyond the limits of the protesting ordinance, one cannot get within 100 yards of them. It is very tantalizing to a sportsman to walk within thirty yards of dozens of ducks on the bay front and not be permitted to shoot them.

Even the dogs of Punta Gorda go fishing. Fact; no fish story. Capt. Will Johnson has a slender black dog that is a most determined fisher. He wades out into the bay and makes the most persistent efforts to catch the fish that are sporting themselves in the limpid waters. It is very interesting to watch him. He never gets tired or discouraged, not even when the wind and waters are chilly for bipeds. He can see the fish swimming about and he does not hesitate to plunge his nose deep into the water to catch them. And sometimes he does catch a fish and then he eats it with great satisfaction.

Mr. Albert F. Dewey also has a dog and a cat that are said to be very fond of fishing. In fact, the scribe is told that most of the settlers here enjoy the sport of chasing the finny tribe. One or two settlers have been known to catch wild ducks in the bay, but ducks, of course, are not fish. Nor, as said in the beginning, is this a fish story, but it is a dog tale.

Preached at Denon.

DENON, Fla., Jan. 15.—Rev. J. E. McIntosh, the efficient pastor of the Punta Gorda Baptist church, Mr. Ed. M. Earnest, and Mr. M. T. Howell, all of Punta Gorda, were in our midst last Sunday. Brother McIntosh filled our pulpit Sunday morning and Sunday night, and his sermons were instructive and purely gospel.

T. W. W.

A modern cement sidewalk will be laid in front of the residences on Retta Esplanade beginning at Col. Trabue's cottage and extending as far west as Mr. Stetson's. The completion of the work will give us a first class walk almost the entire length of the esplanade. Work has already begun in front of Col. Trabue's and Mr. Thos. Hannett's cottages and materials have been placed as far west as Capt. Harvey's residence. Mr. Hannett, who is an expert in laying cement walks, is superintending the construction.

The protracted meeting, conducted by Dr. Guerrant in the Presbyterian church closed Tuesday night. The results proved very satisfactory to the church in that substantial good was wrought; and Dr. Guerrant may feel that his efforts were appreciated by all good people and that much of the Gospel seed so sown by him fell upon good soil and will continue to come up and bear fruit in days that are to come. The doctor left Wednesday morning for his winter home in Umatilla, Lake county.

Champion A. W. Gilchrist, of Punta Gorda, recommends burnt clay as the ideal material for good roads that will not be dusty in dry weather or muddy in wet. It is claimed that with the same money now used in laying our roads could if put in burnt clay produce excellent and satisfactory results. The present system is certainly not satisfactory.

Mr. Frank Q. Brown, vice-president of the Plant System, arrived here in his private car Wednesday morning and spent the day looking over the company's property. He was accompanied by Jno. H. Stephens and private secretary Thomas.

Tourists here see many tarpon disappearing in the bay, but they won't bite, a fact attributed to cool weather.

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ELEGANT HOUSE BOAT.

Dr. and Mrs. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., arrived here from Miami in their elegant house boat last Friday. They came to visit their good friend, Mr. Chas. A. Dean, of Boston, who, with his boats, men and dogs, is enjoying life hunting and fishing in this locality.

The doctor is the world-famous patent medicine prince of Buffalo and he has been coming to Florida for years and making his headquarters at Miami. He is good looking, wears becomingly an air of prosperity and is pleasantly approachable, especially to newspaper men. You see, the newspapers have helped him accumulate his millions and he naturally feels very friendly towards them. Indeed he is a good fellow; and while fond of sport, is not a "sport" himself, nor is he anything of a snob or social codfish.

His boat, however, while anchored out in the bay in front of town, attracted more attention than he did, as he is so quiet. Everybody voted her a beauty and a most excellent thing for a wise millionaire to own. She came here via Key West under her own power, being equipped with twin screws propelled by the latest models in gasoline engines. She is fitted up inside as would become the temporary pleasure house of an East Indian nabob. But a detailed description is forbidden by the restricted space of this paper.

Dr. Pierce and Mr. Dean left Saturday for a week's nautical jaunt up the incomparable Myakka. They took all their boats, guns, dogs and other implements of pleasure with them. They are two millionaires who know how and where to enjoy life.

Dogs Go Fishing.

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SOLANA SIFTINGS.

Our side-track still continues to do business at the old stand. The new engine for the Huckleby mill is being unloaded there; also a car of lumber for Mr. Whitten's new home.

Mr. S. I. Huffman still continues to plant trees and expects to have a fine grove in a short time.

Mr. A. Guthrie has planted 125 peach trees among his orange trees and they are looking fine.

Mr. G. Brown has also got the tree fever and has planted his place out in a fine variety of trees.

Mr. C. Dunham has sold his pinery in La Villa to Mr. Patrick who will enlarge it.

Dr. Burland still continues to improve his Christmas gift to his wife; he is having a packing house built on it, the work being done by Messrs Farrell & Parker.

Hon. A. F. Dewey knows a good thing when he sees it. He saw Solana and had to invest in a couple of water front acres.

Mr. N. N. Wakefield is beautifying his place with a fine lot of fruit trees. In a year or two he will have a beautiful place.

Mr. P. Anderson has recovered from his sprained leg and is now clearing up his land.

The boys and their traps still continue to create a vacancy in the coon tribe by catching several this last week.

Mr. T. Willis is putting out a large nursery and in a year or so will be able to supply the neighborhood with all the trees they need.

Mr. Parker has quite a curiosity on his place. He planted a grape fruit seed last March and it is now in bloom.

Mr. Whitten is expected back from his trip north at any time. I understand that he will bring his family with him.

Mr. T. Johnson has built him a residence over by the railroad track. It is a nice three room cottage.

The frost done very little damage here. We are very nearly frost-proof.

Mrs. VanRiper and party from the big hotel were out looking at the different pinyers. After sampling some of the fruit they pronounced it excellent; no need of sugar on this class of fruit.

Our end of the county still continues to improve right along. We have now seven nice residences that will be built in a short time.

Capt. C. G. Davis is having the Solana pinery thoroughly drained. The wet weather last season did the pines some damage.

Mr. Gelling, who is trucking on Messrs. Guthrie and Perkins' places, is meeting with good results. So far the cold did not affect him any and his stuff is looking fine. He expects to go to setting out tomatoes on the first of the month.

Mr. J. Jack has a man at work on his place clearing it up.

Mr. Charles Morton intends to open up a general merchandise house in the Patrick block in La Villa.

The commission men have been giving us the frozen act. After keeping our fruit from six to eight weeks they very kindly send us a more pittance with the information that the fruit was frozen and unfit for sale. Old Ananias has lost his office.

Mr. F. W. Howard is having the road east of his house put in fine condition for ditching it on both sides.

Specks corraled a small rattler and stayed with him until I had to go and kill it for fear he would have lung trouble.

Mrs. E. Baughman was driving around showing her visitors what a pretty place Solana is.

Tom Daugherty is seen frequently in the neighborhood trying to induce some one to buy one of his pianos. Tom is a hustler.

SIFTER.

New strawberries are retelling in this market at 40 and 50 cents a quart; tomatoes 15 cents.

Col. Robert Holloway, of Monmouth, Ill., has bought of Mr. Stetson the lot east of Col. Pepper's residence and is having it grubbed preparatory to erecting an eight-room two story dwelling. The lot fronts on the bay, runs back 270 feet and is 80 feet wide.

Mr. J. B. Barroly, superintendent of the Peace River Phosphate Mining Co.'s plant at Hull, was in town Wednesday and reported that the insurance on the plant had been adjusted and the work of rebuilding will be pushed vigorously to an early completion.

About forty ladies and gentlemen went down to Useppa Island on the steamer St. Lucie Wednesday night to attend the formal opening of the Useppa Inn. They speak in glowing terms of the occasion and say that the opening was in all respects a brilliant success that reflected great credit upon the Messrs. Roach, the builders and managers of the Inn. They predict for this new resort a successful and prosperous existence.

Mr. J. L. Sandlin generously donated to the town of Punta Gorda a 2-acre tract of land on the Pineapple creek for a city park. The lot lies along the creek bluff and fronts on the new public road at the point where the new bridge will be. It is finely adapted to park purposes and will be placed in attractive condition as speedily as possible. The new road mentioned is the extension of Taylor street, which has been graded and will soon be paved with shells, thus making a fine drive.

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Seward's.

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Before painting or re-painting your house get Seward's prices on paints, oils and Atlantic lead. New stock of ready mixed paints received this week.

Seward's hardware department may not be the most complete in the United States, but when it comes to prices, he'll startle creation. Ship chandlery, building material, tools, implements, etc., at honest prices.

Seward will positively save you 25 to 50 per cent on footwear. This is what scores of new customers tell us, and they speak the truth. Honest goods at live and let live prices is our motto. A new stock of good, durable shoes just opened.

Go to Seward's for fresh, first-class groceries at the lowest possible prices.

Remember, that R. K. Seward is agent for both Mapes' and Wilson & Loomis's fertilizers—best manufactured.

Seward's gents' furnishing department is recognized by all thinking people as a money-saving annex. Here you get regular 50-cent articles for a quarter.

Seward will supply you with anything from a needle to a brick house, at the lowest prices. Remember this.

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